

REMARKS

The Applicant does not believe that entry of the forgoing amendment will result in the foregoing amendment will result in the introduction of new matter into the present application for invention. Therefore, the Applicant, respectfully, requests that the above amendment be entered in and that the claims to the present application, kindly, be reconsidered.

The Office Action dated June 9, 2004 has been received and considered by the Applicants. Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application for invention. Claims 1-3 stand rejected and Claim 4 is objected to by the June 9, 2004 Office Action. The foregoing amendment to the claims adds new Claim 5-20 that are generally similar in scope to pending Claims 1-4. Therefore, the Applicant, respectfully, submits that examination of Claims 5-20 will not result in the introduction of new matter into the present application for invention.

The Abstract of the disclosure has been objected to because of informalities. The foregoing amendment to the specification has corrected this oversight.

The Examiner suggests that heading be added to the specification. The Applicant, respectfully, points out that 37 CFR 1.77(b) does not require that the specification have separate headings. Accordingly, the Applicant, respectfully declines to add specification headings.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-3 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by Wahl. The Examiner states that Wahl discloses a disk recording apparatus that shows all the limitations recited in Claim 1, including the feature of transporting at least two information plates between a storage position or playing position, the feature of the intermediate memory for the storage of information read from the first plate, and the feature of writing on the second plate the information read from the first plate and stored in the memory as specified in the present Claim 1. The Applicant, respectfully, points out that Wahl teaches alternating positions between the same two positions. The present invention teaches a magazine having separate compartments for information plates. Accordingly, the claims have been amended to clearly distinguish the subject matter of the present invention from the teachings of Wahl. The claims as amended define subject matter for separate compartments for the information plates and

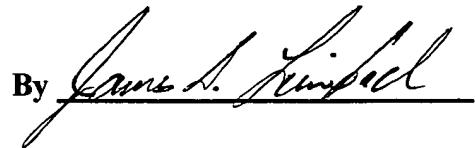
an alternate transfer mechanism that moves information plates between a storage position and a transfer position, and in the transfer position, the information plate can be moved to the play position. Wahl does not teach separate compartments for information plates in a transfer position and a storage position. Wahl teaches a storage position and a play position. Accordingly, the claims as amended are believed to clearly define subject matter that is allowable over Wahl.

New Claims 5-20 also define subject matter for separate compartments for the information plates and an alternate transfer mechanism that moves information plates between a storage position and a transfer position, and in the transfer position, the information plate can be moved to the play position. Wahl does not teach separate compartments for information plates in a transfer position and a storage position. Wahl teaches a storage position and a play position. Accordingly, new Claims 5-20 are believed to clearly defines subject matter that is allowable over Wahl.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.99.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, with such allowance being, respectfully, requested.

Respectfully submitted,

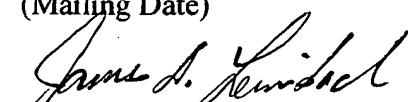
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